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The Honorable Victor L. Lowe, Director
United States General Accounting Office
Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Mr. Lowe:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity by your letter of December 17, 1974, to comment on the proposed report to the Congress, "Barriers to Greater Progress in Stemming the Flow of Cocaine and Heroin From and Through South America." Our comments, which are made solely in the interest of accuracy and balance, are enclosed.

We appreciate the recognition in the report of the Agency's positive efforts to stem the flow of illicit narcotics to the United States from abroad, the Agency resources devoted to this effort, and of the resolution of most of the early problems.

This Agency has absolutely no objections to transmittal of the classified information in the proposed report to the appropriate congressional committees, individual members of the Congress, and executive agencies. However, we would appreciate being advised when the final report is transmitted so that we can make whatever report is deemed appropriate to those committees in the Congress which have oversight of this Agency.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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